



National Service in Oklahoma



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN OKLAHOMA

More than 7,800 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Oklahoma. Serving at more than 980 locations throughout the state, these citizens tutor and mentor children, support veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, increase economic opportunity, and recruit and manage volunteers.

This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will commit more than \$11,370,000 to support Oklahoma communities through national service initiatives. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions--working hand in hand with local partners to improve lives, expand economic opportunity, and engage citizens in solving problems in their communities. Serving in many of the state's most impoverished communities, CNCS provides vital support to schools, food banks, homeless shelters, community health clinics, youth centers, veterans service facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations at a time of growing demand for services. Through a unique public-private partnership, this federal investment will leverage an additional \$4,930,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 910 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Oklahoma. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Oklahoma Community Service Commission, which in turn awards grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. Most of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by CNCS directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grants process. Other individuals serve through AmeriCorps VISTA, whose members help bring individuals and communities out of poverty by serving full-time to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, and increase housing opportunities, and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a 10-month, full time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 11,000 Oklahoma residents have served more than 12 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$24,460,000.

Senior Corps: More than 6,900 seniors in Oklahoma contribute their time and talents in one of three Senior Corps programs. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 1,200 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 580 homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 580 groups across Oklahoma.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS annually engages more than five million Americans in service to meet local needs through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and national days of service; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. To learn more visit NationalService.gov or Serve.gov or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

Oklahoma At a Glance

AmeriCorps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	11	28	36	\$307,859	\$289,829 ³
AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects	1	1	11	-	- ⁴
AmeriCorps State Competitive	4	139	519	\$2,634,199	\$1,508,206
AmeriCorps State Formula	7	78	294	\$698,546	\$1,643,575
AmeriCorps Tribes/Territories	1	5	15	\$70,563	\$219,741
AmeriCorps VISTA	3	18	44	\$250,080	\$715,880
AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	27	269	919	\$3,961,247	\$4,377,231
Senior Corps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	5	117	403	-	\$1,352,692
RSVP	15	589	6,280	-	\$694,663
Senior Companion Program	3	11	286	-	\$736,281
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	23	717	6,969	-	\$2,783,636
Other Funding	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$250,000
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	1	-	-	-	\$250,000
PROGRAM TOTALS	51	986 ⁵	7,888	\$3,961,247	\$7,410,867
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$11,372,114
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$4,935,856 ⁶
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$16,307,970

Notes: The data shown represents a snapshot in time. CNCS project sites, participants, and funding change throughout the year, so the data may not reflect current conditions.

- This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2014 - 2015 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
- This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in Oklahoma. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. The education award total is included in total CNCS funding.
- AmeriCorps National figures may include national programs headquartered in the state and/or operating sites of national programs that are headquartered in other states. Funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the national grant associated with operating sites in this report. Some national organizations do not report operating site data, or it was not available at time of publishing, so figures may not reflect current conditions.
- Oklahoma is served by the AmeriCorps NCCC campus located in Denver, Colorado. In the past year, AmeriCorps NCCC teams have served on projects in Vian, Oklahoma City, Tahlequah, Checotah, Canadian, Hulbert.
- The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
- As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS requires grantees to leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment. This figure reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees and project sponsors have committed to raise to support their programming activities across the state.



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AmeriCorps State

After achieving successful results teaching secondary math at U.S. Grant High School, Teach for America AmeriCorps member Lam Pham was able to replicate his success in his second year. Lam continued to leverage some of the strategies that proved effective in his first year, including providing extra math support in the form of weekend and after-school tutoring and teaching an additional remedial class during his planning period. For a second consecutive year, more than 90 percent of his Geometry students passed the end of instruction exam, with the majority scoring advanced. This school year, Lam has returned to teach a third year at U.S. Grant. and is also serving as a math content specialist for secondary math corps members in Oklahoma City and Lawton.

Two full-time AmeriCorps members associated with Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma are now in their second year providing legal assistance to the affected population of the May 2013 tornadoes in Moore. The information gathered is used to brief the legal staff in matters ranging from FEMA aid to contractual disputes. The AmeriCorps members work can be a key factor helping to create a legal path to make rebuilding or repair possible by any of the community charities under the umbrella of the Oklahoma's Disaster Recovery Program. One client came to the office after she had been taken advantage of by a fraudulent contractor multiple times. She complained that she had been recommended to the contractor by her insurance company. Legal Aid represented her at a mediation conference between herself and the insurance company. During the mediation, the client and the insurance company settled her claim for \$79,587, which is enough for the client to be able to complete her home.

AmeriCorps National

Reading Partners is dedicated to helping children become lifelong readers by empowering community volunteers to provide individualized instruction that produces measurable results. The program's vision is that all children in Tulsa will have the literacy skills they need to reach their full potential. In 2013-14, AmeriCorps members served 234 students with the help of 387 volunteers in four schools across Tulsa. The program exceeded expectations with 93 percent of target students accelerating their rate of learning. On average, students more than tripled their rates of learning. Further, 78 percent of target students narrowed their literacy gaps with their peers who read at grade level. Reading Partners currently engages a group of 12 AmeriCorps members in service to manage reading centers, provide one-on-one literacy tutoring, recruit volunteers, and build capacity. In 2014-15, members are on track to help serve 469 students in 10 schools with the help of approximately 655 volunteer tutors.

AmeriCorps VISTA

Southeastern Oklahoma Interlocal Cooperative (SOIC), an education service organization, oversees 48 schools that provide special education therapy and parent education services. The cooperative sponsors a team of 34 VISTAs that provides capacity-building services to schools and partner organizations. Partners include hospitals, chambers of commerce, and nonprofit community organizations in 17 southeast counties, including McCurtain County, designated as one of the top five most difficult places to reside in the United States. The AmeriCorps VISTA members have recruited 917 community volunteers that contributed 19,662 hours of service. These hours equate to more than \$410,000 to the service area. In addition, VISTAs leveraged \$406,270 in cash and in kind donations valued at \$179,950 to the schools and partner organizations.

Neighbors Building Neighborhoods, based in Muskogee, plays a vital role in improving the quality of life in Eastern Oklahoma through education, organizational support, and coalition building. Neighbors Building Neighborhoods (NBN) hosts six AmeriCorps VISTA members who strive to alleviate poverty in the community by building capacity of several citywide nonprofits. Some VISTAs promote and draw youth into education opportunities that lead to careers in the medical community, while VISTAs serving with the Crime Stoppers program and Muskogee Community Anti-Drug Network fight poverty impacted by crime and drug abuse. The VISTAs facilitates NBN's collaboration with parents, schools, employers, community leaders, and media to help the community take a stand against substance abuse. VISTAs also support the Martin Luther King Community Center, which operates the after school, night hoops, and summer feeding programs for area students. VISTAs helped organize "The Martin Luther King Community Center Fundraising Gala" to finance a new center facility.

AmeriCorps NCCC

Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity (COHFH) is currently working on assisting families affected by the May 2013 tornadoes and is expanding their "A Brush With Kindness" (ABWK) program. ABWK works with existing homes and assists in repairs, rehabs or rebuilds. An AmeriCorps NCCC team partnered with COHFH to help lead volunteer groups alongside site supervisors; assist with recruiting, working with and supervising community volunteers, expand new construction and the ABWK program, and further assisting the victims of the 2013 tornadoes. In working with COHFH, Corps Members were able to directly aid in the construction of 8 new affordable and energy efficient homes for families in Oklahoma City and surrounding neighborhoods. The team finished, weatherized, and painted many houses as well. By working in areas affected by the recent tornadoes, Corps Members were a direct part of the recovery effort. Not only did the team get to help finish homes, but they were able to meet and work with the people receiving these special houses, including a single mother and her four sons. It was very rewarding to do something truly life changing for the people of Oklahoma City.

AmeriCorps NCCC Cont'd

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma is a federally recognized tribe based in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. The tribe's mission is to strengthen its government's ability to provide for the educational, financial, cultural and social needs of its members and to achieve self-sufficiency through its financial enterprises and economic development endeavors. UKBCI requested an AmeriCorps NCCC team to partner with them in creating a walking trail. The creation of the walking trail required the NCCC team to chainsaw and cut away any brush, assess challenging areas where bridges or raised pathways would be necessary, install edging, lay gravel, install distance markers and label plant life. Upon completion of the trail, Corps members assisted the Elders in the Keetoowah Community who do not have the help they need or the ability to maintain their homes. They worked to help over 25 Elders on these properties, removing safety hazards in their homes, mowing, raking, clearing brush, weed eating, trimming, loading garages and sheds, moving rocks, and painting homes. The NCCC team was able to accomplish so much in a community that truly needed the extra hands.

Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

KI BOIS Community Action, Inc. is a private, nonprofit corporation operating in Southeast Oklahoma. The agency was organized as a part of the national "War on Poverty." Administered by a 24 member Board of Directors, the agency represents all segments of the community including elected officials, minority groups, businesses, social services, low-income and foremost the clients served. The Foster Grandparent Program sponsored by Ki Bois Community Action Foundation supports 145 volunteers providing one-on-one tutoring to 528 students at 50 Head Start Centers and elementary schools in eastern Oklahoma. These volunteers contributed 124,429 hours of volunteer service which represents almost \$2.6 million in monetary value to the program's 14 county service area.

Senior Corps RSVP

RSVP of Central Oklahoma volunteers are well known for their Provide a Ride transportation project delivering seniors in need of transportation from door to door for medical appointments. However, 87 volunteers discovered a new calling as they sprang into action following the Moore tornado of 2013 as they answered hotlines that addressed disaster-related calls, telephoned victims of the tornado, provided medical rides, collected and distributed donated goods, served food, and maintained facility operations. Organizations supported included the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, United Way, Heartline 211, Serve Moore, and the Saint Andrews shelter. Due to the dedicated response, RSVP of Central Oklahoma received a \$50,000 Shell Oil gift to support volunteer efforts related to the tornadoes that blanketed Oklahoma in May and June of 2013. Nonprofit organizations, including RSVP, continue to join forces to assist the 28,541 individuals affected by the devastating tornadoes. The Shell Oil gift will enable RSVP of Central Oklahoma to provide disaster recovery and disaster preparedness to thousands of Oklahomans.

Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

For 40 years, Sunbeam Family Services' Senior Companion Program has made impacts in the Oklahoma City area by providing companion and respite services for isolated, homebound seniors. Over the last program year, only one client entered nursing home care out of 385 served. Every time a client avoids nursing home placement, the financial impact is an approximate community savings of \$48,000 annually. Caregiver clients, who receive respite services, and companion clients tend to be very low-income cohorts who without this service would not be able to keep their loved ones at home. By providing eight to 16 hours of service a week, Senior Companions provide compassionate care, helping seniors live independently in their own homes.



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	919	27
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	105	10

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Ardmore	CIS Summer of Service Plus! (Current) Communities in Schools - Oklahoma	50	AmeriCorps State Formula
Canadian	Arrowhead State Park (January 12 - February 20, 2015) Arrowhead State Park	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Checotah	Lake Eufaula State Park (May 21 - June 13, 2014) Lake Eufaula State Park	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Edmond	OK BGC AmeriCorp Project Learn Program (Current) Oklahoma Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Hugo	Little Dixie Community Action Agency School Readiness (Current) Little Dixie Community Action Agency	28	AmeriCorps State Formula
Hulbert	Sequoyah State Park (January 12 - February 20, 2015) Sequoyah State Park	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Idabel	SOIC VISTA Service to Southeast Oklahoma (Current) McCurtain County Educational Cooperative	32	AmeriCorps VISTA
Jennings	Lead to Read (Successful Service) (Current) Jennings Public School	36	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Jet	SCA Oklahoma (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps National
McAlester	Rebuilding Together Kiamichi Country (Current) Rebuilding Together, Inc	1	AmeriCorps National
Muskogee	Capacity Building for Poverty Reduction (Current) Neighbors Building Neighborhoods	6	AmeriCorps VISTA
Noble	Noble NOW, Inc. (Current) Noble NOW, Inc.	6	AmeriCorps VISTA
Okeene	Serve for Success (Current) Okeene Public School	63	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Oklahoma City	American Red Cross NPRC - Central & Western Oklahoma Region (Current) American National Red Cross DC	4	AmeriCorps National
Oklahoma City	American Red Cross of Central and Western Oklahoma (November 3 - December 12, 2014) American Red Cross of Central and Western Oklahoma	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Oklahoma City	Archdiocese of Oklahoma City (Current) University of Notre Dame	7	AmeriCorps National
Oklahoma City	Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity (January 12, 2015 - Current) Habitat for Humanity-Central Oklahoma	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Oklahoma City	Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity (November 3 - December 12, 2014) Habitat for Humanity-Central Oklahoma	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Oklahoma City	FEMA-Oklahoma Joint Field Office-Task Force Public Assistance-Oklahoma City (June 23 - July 10, 2014) FEMA- Joint Field Office- Oklahoma City, OK	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Oklahoma City	FEMA-Region 6-Task Force Public Assistance-OK JFO (March 30 - June 17, 2014) FEMA- Joint Field Office- Oklahoma City, OK	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Oklahoma City	Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, Disaster (Current) Equal Justice Works	2	AmeriCorps National
Oklahoma City	OK Serves (Current) Red River Community Corps, Inc.	60	AmeriCorps State Formula
Oklahoma City	Oklahoma In Action (Current) Red River Community Corps, Inc.	36	AmeriCorps State Formula
Oklahoma City	Oklahoma Legal Aid Services, Inc. (Current) Equal Justice Works	2	AmeriCorps National
Oklahoma City	Project Transformation (Current) Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church	50	AmeriCorps State Formula
Oklahoma City	Putnam City Schools AmeriCorps Program (Current) Putnam City Schools	50	AmeriCorps State Formula
Oklahoma City	Rebuilding Together Oklahoma City (Current) Rebuilding Together, Inc	1	AmeriCorps National



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Pawhuska	Osage Nation Communities of Excellence Ta-Wa AmeriCorps (Current) Osage Nation Grants Office	15	AmeriCorps Indian Tribes
Sapulpa	Summit Institute (Completed) Catholic Volunteer Network	21	AmeriCorps National
Tahlequah	United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians (May 21 - June 13, 2014) United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Tulsa	City Year Tulsa (Current) City Year, Inc.	50	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Tulsa	Diocese of Tulsa (Current) University of Notre Dame	3	AmeriCorps National
Tulsa	Reading Partners Tulsa (Current) Reading Partners	12	AmeriCorps National
Tulsa	Teach For America - Oklahoma (Current) Teach For America	-	AmeriCorps National
Tulsa	Teach For America-Oklahoma (Current) Teach For America	370	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Tulsa	Volunteer Tulsa (Current) Points of Light Foundation	2	AmeriCorps National
Vian	Tenkiller State Park (November 3 - December 12, 2014) Tenkiller State Park	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects

Notes: If there are programs with identical names in separate entries, they are different grants to the same organization. If no members are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing.

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Senior Corps in Oklahoma



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CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	6,969	23
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	2,683	9

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Altus	Altus/Southwest Oklahoma Community Action Group (Current) Southwest Oklahoma Community Action Group	138	RSVP
Altus	SW Oklahoma Community Action Group RSVP (Current) Southwest Oklahoma Community Action Group	184	RSVP
Coalgate	Atoka/Coal/Pontotoc RSVP (Current) Coal County Economic Development Foundation	283	RSVP
Duncan	DCA Duncan FGP (Completed) Delta Community Action	98	Foster Grandparent Program
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Durant	Bryan County RSVP (Completed) Bryan County RSVP, Inc.	325	RSVP
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Enid	Area I FGP (Completed) Oklahoma Department of Human Services	91	Foster Grandparent Program
Enid	Enid & N Central Ok RSVP (Current) RSVP Enid And North Central OK, Inc.	788	RSVP
Enid	Food Distribution (Completed) RSVP Enid And North Central OK, Inc.	1,002	RSVP
Hugo	Little Dixie RSVP (Current) Little Dixie Community Action Agency	444	RSVP
Idabel	SOIC Foster Grandparent Program (Current) McCurtain County Educational Cooperative	48	Foster Grandparent Program
Lawton	CITY OF LAWTON RSVP (Current) City of Lawton	251	RSVP
Marietta	Big Five RSVP (Completed) Big Five Community Services, Inc.	309	RSVP
McAlester	KI BOIS Community Action RSVP (Current) Ki Bois Community Action Foundation	223	RSVP
Muskogee	RSVP of Muskogee (Current) Volunteers of America of Oklahoma, Inc..	525	RSVP
Norman	Cleveland County RSVP (Completed) COCAA Central Oklahoma Community Action	237	RSVP
Norman	COCAA RSVP of Cleveland & McClain County (Completed) COCAA Central Oklahoma Community Action	240	RSVP
Oklahoma City	Oklahoma Community Health Services FGP (Current) Oklahoma Community Health Services, Inc.	57	Foster Grandparent Program
Oklahoma City	RSVP of Central Oklahoma, Inc. II (Current) RSVP of Central Oklahoma, Inc.	80	RSVP
Oklahoma City	RSVP of Central Oklahoma, Inc. I (Current) RSVP of Central Oklahoma, Inc.	930	RSVP
Oklahoma City	SCP Oklahoma and Cleveland Counties (Current) Sunbeam Family Services, Inc.	192	Senior Companion Program
Oklahoma City	Sunbeam Foster Grandparent Program (Current) Sunbeam Family Services, Inc.	80	Foster Grandparent Program
Pauls Valley	Area III FGP (Completed) Oklahoma Department of Human Services	55	Foster Grandparent Program
Ponca City	RSVP of Ponca City/Kay County (Current) United Way of Ponca City, Inc.	564	RSVP
Shawnee	RSVP Pottawatomie County (Completed) COCAA Central Oklahoma Community Action	326	RSVP
Stigler	KI BOIS Community Action Foster Grandparent Program (Current) Ki Bois Community Action Foundation	120	Foster Grandparent Program
Tishomingo	INCA - RSVP (Current) Inca Community Services, Inc.	160	RSVP

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Tulsa	Senior Companion Program (Current) Indian Nation Council of Governments (INCOG)	38	Senior Companion Program
Tulsa	Tulsa RSVP (Current) RSVP of Tulsa, Inc.	1,050	RSVP
Vinita	Craig Ottawa Rogers - Senior Companion (Current) Craig County Health Department	56	Senior Companion Program
Watonga	Retired and Senior Volunteers (Current) Opportunities, Inc.	335	RSVP

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